

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**June 2016**

CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF LAVONNA E. WOODS, CASE # HR 15-046

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

☐Consent
Item☒Action
Item☐Report
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

LaVonna E. Woods holds a career continuous professional certificate of license to teach in the areas of Elementary Education, grades 1–6 and Early Childhood Education, B–3. Ms. Woods is not currently teaching in a Missouri public school.

On September 14, 2015, Ms. Woods pled guilty and received a suspended imposition of sentence (SIS) to the Felony, Domestic Assault – 2nd Degree (1st Offense). Ms. Woods was placed on supervised probation for a period of four years. Conditions of her probation include entering and completing domestic violence counseling or a batterer's intervention program, perform 40 hours of community service, have no abusive contact with J.S., and pay \$46 into the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. She is in the process of completing these requirements.

Ms. Woods was present at the hearing and was represented by counsel, David Bandre.

PRESENTER:

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends Ms. Woods' certificate be suspended until September 14, 2019, the scheduled end date of her probation, or until she successfully completes probation prior to the scheduled end date, pursuant to the State Board's authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014). Ms. Woods must submit sufficient documentation from the court to the Department demonstrating successful completion of her probation.